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For : SEALING RING FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98,

Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration.

- (1) German Patent No. 10 21 738 issued July 4, 1957, which is discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph 2;
- (2) German Patent No. 10 533 34 issued March 19, 1959, which is discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph 3. For the convenience of the Examiner attached hereto is an English Language Abstract of DE 10 533 34;
- (3) German Patent Application No. 694 01 237 published June 12, 1997, which is discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph 4. For the convenience of the Examiner attached hereto is an English Language Abstract of DE 694 01 237;

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2005/050107, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. In particular, the Examiner cited:

- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,495,881 issued March 5, 1996 to GIRARD et al. as an "A" category document with regard to claims 1-12 of the International application.
- (5) French Patent No. 707 078 issued July 2, 1931 as an "A" category document with regard to claims 1-12 of the International application.
- (6) Luxembourg Patent No. 33 419 issued April 28, 1955 as an "A" category document with regard to claims 1-12 of the International application.
- (7) German Patent No. 10 21 738 issued December 27, 1957 as an "A" category document with regard to claims 1-12 of the International application.
- (8) Great Britain Patent Application No. 787 784 published December 18, 1957 as an "A" category document with regard to claims 1-12 of the International application.
- (9) Great Britain Patent No. 2 044 189 issued October 15, 1980 as an "A" category document with regard to claims 1-12 of the International application. Moreover, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,289,186 issued September 15, 1981 to WILDE, which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the above-cited International publication.

Each of the above-cited documents are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to


indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Moreover, copies of the International Search Report and of the cited non-U.S. patent documents are being submitted herewith. However, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

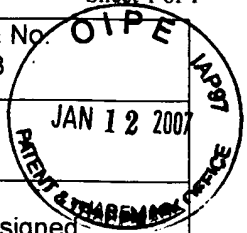
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